

110 STORIES

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Mario Cantone, Samuel L. Jackson, James McCaffrey, Jeremy Piven, Annabella Sciorra, Tony Shalhoub, Tamara Tunie and Kathleen Turner Join Billy Crudup, Melissa Leo, Jamie Lynn Sigler, Ben Vereen and Other Stars of Sarah Tuft's *110 Stories*, a Play Based on First-Person Accounts of 9/11 and its Immediate Aftermath

Tony Award-Winning Director Gregory Mosher and Tony Award-Winning Producer Jennifer Maloney Join Creative Team in Limited-Run Play

Proceeds Benefit New York Says Thank You Foundation, a Nonprofit Supporting a Hands-on Platform for National Volunteer Service.

(New York, NY) August 22, 2011 – Sarah Tuft's *110 Stories* shines a light into the human spirit - revealing hope, humor and compassion in the midst of the tragedy of 9/11. The production has welcomed Samuel L. Jackson, Jeremy Piven, Annabella Sciorra, and Kathleen Turner, among others, to join its illustrious cast and will premiere on September 8, 2011 at the Skirball Center for the Performing Arts at New York University in Manhattan.

In the days and weeks after 9/11, playwright Sarah Tuft, turned to theater to preserve what she witnessed as a volunteer in the aftermath of September 11. By gathering stories of those who experienced the tragedy directly and weaving them into a play, Tuft aimed to reveal the truth of ground zero. What resulted is *110 Stories*, which will be performed by a highly distinguished cast of film, television and stage actors to commemorate the tenth anniversary of 9/11.

The two-night performance of *110 Stories* is scheduled to run from September 8 to 9, with curtain call at 8:00 p.m., at the NYU Skirball Center. The net proceeds from the production will benefit the New York Says Thank You Foundation, an organization that works to transform the annual 9/11 anniversary into a positive, hands-on platform for national volunteer service.

110 Stories also supports Action America: a not-for-profit, open-source brand designed to unite and activate Americans everywhere to turn the events of 9/11 into positive action.

“I wrote *110 Stories* to preserve, not just history, but also a window into who we really are as revealed by our behavior under extreme circumstances. I am thrilled at the overwhelming support from the acting community to participate in this production,” said Sarah Tuft, the playwright of *110 Stories*.

The high-profile cast includes Lauren Ambrose, Mario Cantone, Billy Crudup, Samuel L. Jackson, Melissa Leo, Aasif Mandvi, James McCaffrey, Vincent Piazza, Jeremy Piven, Andre Royo, Stelio Savante, Pablo Schreiber, Tony Shalhoub, Jamie-Lynn Sigler, Michael Stuhlbarg, Tamara Tunie, Kathleen Turner, Ben Vereen and Merritt Wever.

110 Stories is supported by executive producer Ryan Heil of LIVEstyle Entertainment, director Gregory Mosher, casting director Judy Henderson and producers Jennifer Maloney of Awaken Entertainment, Samira Qureshi, Stelio Savante, Cori Silberman and Sarah Tuft.

Tickets are currently available through the NYU Skirball Center box office at (212) 352-3101 or <http://skirballcenter.nyu.edu/page/tickets>. For more information visit www.110storiesplay.com or follow on Twitter at www.twitter.com/110storiesplay.

ABOUT THE NEW YORK SAYS THANK YOU FOUNDATION

Started in 2003 at the suggestion of a 5-year-old boy, The New York Says Thank You Foundation has grown into one of the Nation’s leading organizations to transform the 9/11 Anniversary into a positive, hands-on platform for national volunteer service. Each year on the 9/11 Anniversary, The New York Says Thank You Foundation sends hundreds of volunteers from New York along with disaster survivors from around the country to help rebuild communities around the United States recovering from disaster. It’s the group’s way of saying “Thank You” for all the love and support Americans from across the country extended to New Yorkers in the days, weeks, and months following September 11. For more information, please visit www.NewYorkSaysThankYou.org

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